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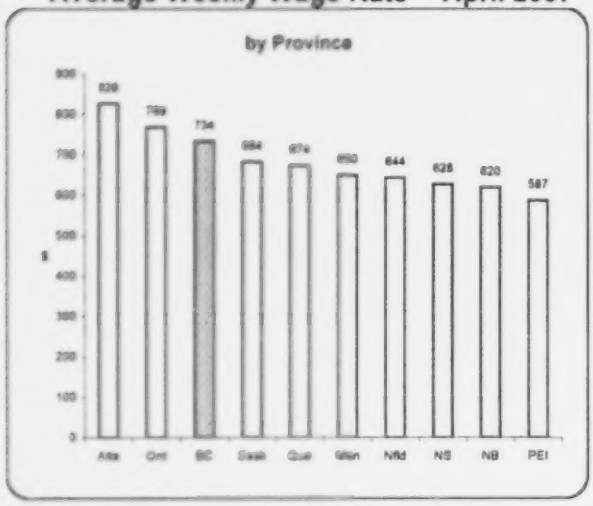

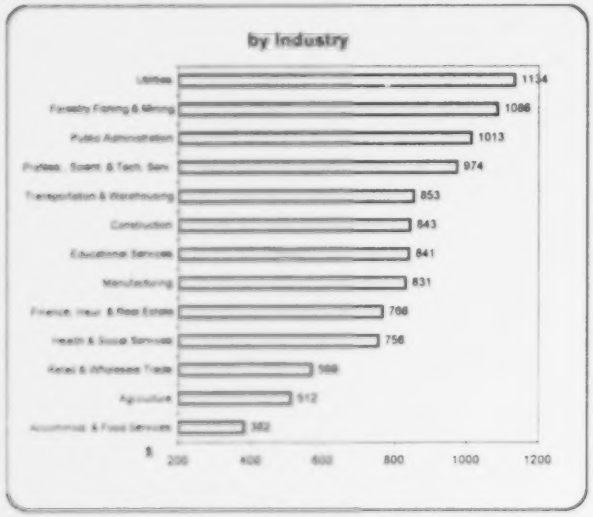

** Latest 12 month average*

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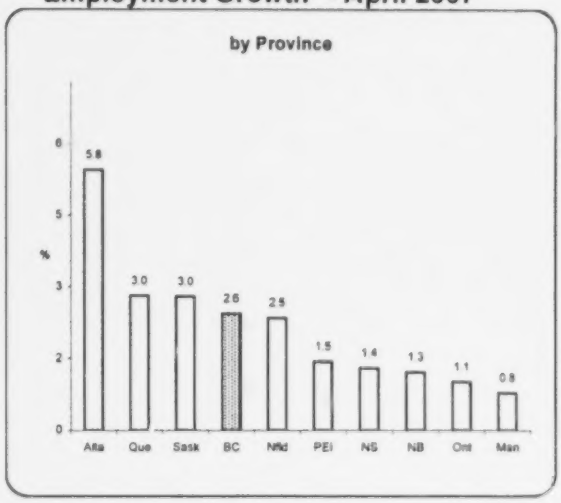

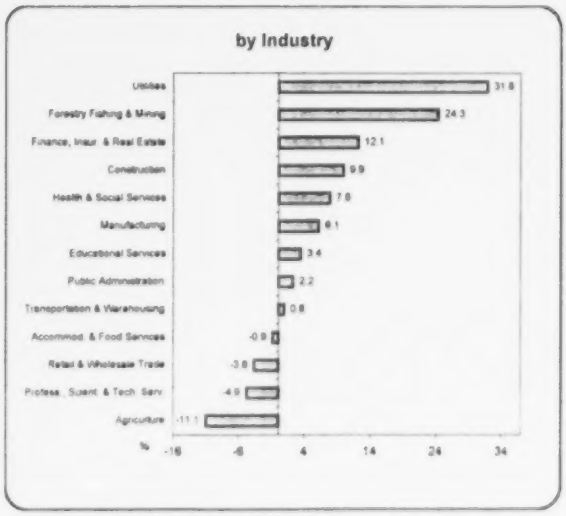

** Month over same month previous year (unadjusted)*

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

Feature Article: Labour Market Characteristics of the Off-Reserve Aboriginal Population in BC

Labour Market Characteristics of the Off-Reserve Aboriginal Population in BC

Since April 2004, Statistics Canada has been collecting data through the monthly Labour Force Survey on the labour market status of Aboriginal peoples living off-reserve in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba. To get more reliable information for the British Columbia component of the survey, the Province sponsored an increased sample, which was phased in over six months starting in October 2004. We now have almost three full years of annual data covering the off-reserve First Nations[1] and Metis populations living in BC. This paper presents highlights from that data.[2]

Aboriginal Population in BC

According to the 2001 Census, 170,025 British Columbians identified themselves as Aboriginal—4.4 percent of the total population. The Aboriginal population is made up of those persons who self-identified with at least one Aboriginal group (First Nations, Métis, Inuit) or who reported being a Treaty Indian or a Registered Indian (as defined by the Indian Act of Canada) or who were members of an Indian Band or First Nation.

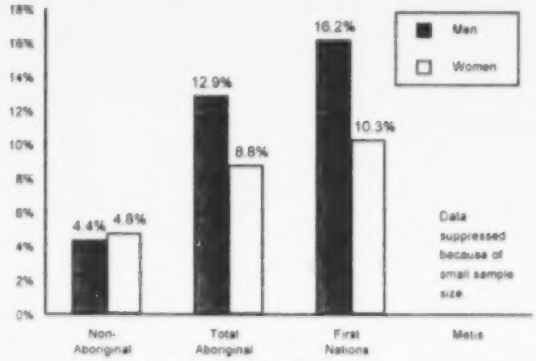
Employment and Labour Force Participation

In a time when the British Columbia labour market has been performing extremely well, with an average unemployment rate of 4.8 percent in 2006,[3] the Aboriginal unemployment rate still remains more than double that of the non-Aboriginal population—10.8 percent. First Nations people show the highest incidence of unemployment; among the working aged population, the unemployment rate of 13.1 percent is more than three times that of the non-Aboriginal population (4.6 percent).

The Métis people are finding work more easily than First Nations people, but their unemployment rate, at 7.4 percent, is considerably higher than that of the non-Aboriginal population (4.6 percent).

While the unemployment rates for non-Aboriginal men and women have been very similar in the last year (4.4 percent and 4.8 percent respectively), Aboriginal men appear to have more difficulty in finding work than Aboriginal women, particularly First Nations men.

Aboriginal men have higher unemployment rates than Aboriginal women



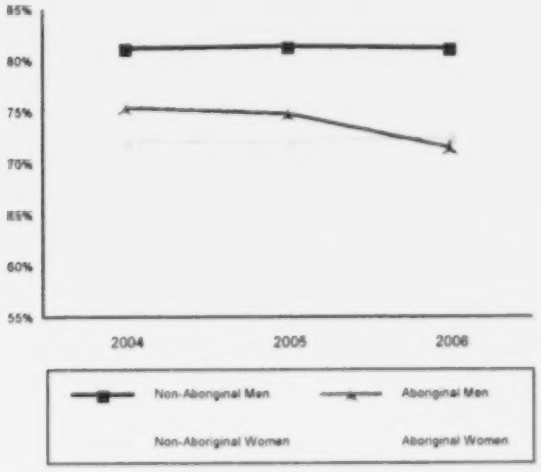
Source: Labour Force Survey 2006

Overall, the labour force participation rates for non-Aboriginal persons have been stable since 2004; however, rates are decreasing slightly for Aboriginal men and increasing among Aboriginal women. The

[1] First Nations as used here is synonymous with North American Indians.
[2] The 2004 annual average is based on April 2004 to December 2004.
[3] Among the working aged population (15 and over).

drop in the labour force participation rate for Aboriginal men is because their population is growing but the number of men in the labour force has not kept pace. The increase in the participation rate for Aboriginal women is a result of more women joining the labour force at a faster rate than the population is growing.

The labour force participation rates of Aboriginal men aged 15-64 are declining



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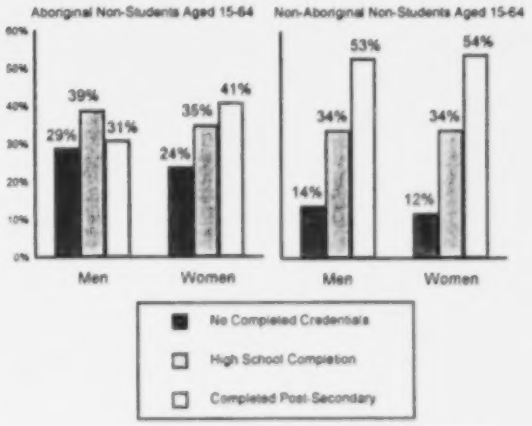
Education

The large gap in educational attainment between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people has been reduced, but there is still considerable room for improvement. In 2006, more than a quarter (27 percent) of the prime working aged (15-64) Aboriginal people in BC, excluding those who were still studying, did not have a high school diploma or a post-secondary credential. Only 6 percent of the Aboriginal population had a university degree, compared with 23 percent of the non-Aboriginal population.

The gender differences in educational attainment are also of interest. Aboriginal women living off-reserve have higher education levels than men. Seventy-six percent of Aboriginal women have completed high school or post-secondary education (including a university degree) compared with 71 percent of Aboriginal men. Comparable rates for the non-Aboriginal population are 88 percent and 86 percent for women and men respectively. Additionally, 23 percent of non-Aboriginal women and 22 percent of non-Aboriginal men have a university degree compared with 8 percent and 5 percent of Aboriginal women and men.

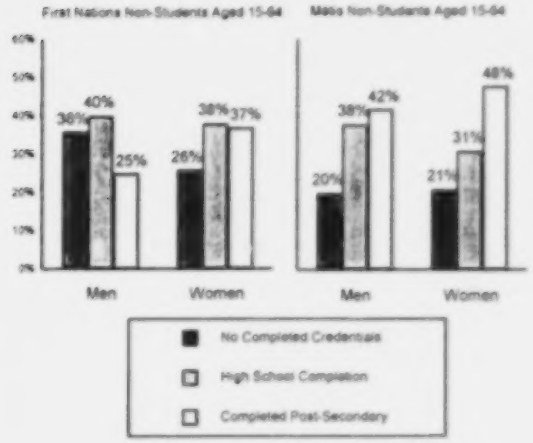
The educational attainment of Aboriginal women is higher than that of Aboriginal men



Note: Excludes anyone currently attending school.
Source: Labour Force Survey 2006

First Nations women living off-reserve have higher education levels than First Nations men. Seventy-five percent of First Nations women have completed high school or post-secondary education (including a university degree) compared with 65 percent of First Nations men. As shown below, Métis women are more likely to have completed post-secondary studies than their male counterparts—48 percent and 42 percent for women and men respectively.

Métis women are more likely to have completed post-secondary education than Métis men



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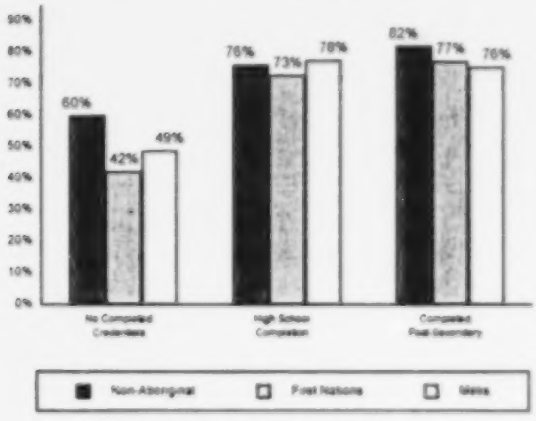
When you compare the employment rates[4] between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people who have completed post-secondary education, many of the differences in labour market outcomes decrease. It becomes very clear that improving education levels of Aboriginal individuals makes a difference in their labour market outcomes.

The gap in employment rates between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people varies depending on education levels



Source: Labour Force Survey 2006

[4] The employment rate (or the employment/population ratio) is the number of persons employed expressed as a percentage of the population 15-64.

Aboriginal people are underrepresented in post-secondary education in British Columbia, but the relative number of Aboriginal people enrolling for post-secondary studies is encouraging. In 2005/06,[5] some 290,000 domestic students were enrolled in BC's public post-secondary college sector. Aboriginal people account for 5.1 percent (over 15,000) of the students enrolled. See the BC College and Institute Student Outcomes Survey box for information on outcomes of Aboriginal students who attended BC's public colleges, university colleges, institutes, or Thompson Rivers University.

Aboriginal Youth and Education

High school non-completion rates for Aboriginal youth have been a concern. In today's environment, high school graduation is considered a minimum requirement for most jobs. In 2006, 21 percent of non-Aboriginal youth (15-24), excluding those who were still studying, had not yet completed a credential – either a high school graduation or a post-secondary credential – compared with 35 percent of Aboriginal youth.

On the positive side, more Aboriginal young women (15-24) have completed high school or some post-secondary than ever before. In 2006, 69 percent of young Aboriginal women had completed a high school credential and or post-secondary education – compared with 50 percent in 2004.[6]

Occupations and Industry

The disparity in educational attainment means the skill levels of the jobs that are available to Aboriginal people are considerably lower than those available to non-Aboriginal people. Only 6 percent of Aboriginal individuals have a university degree, so

[5] Academic year Sept. 1 to Aug. 31 (source: BC Post Secondary Central Data Warehouse http://www.aved.gov.bc.ca/datawarehouse/)
[6] The 2004 annual average is based on April 2004 to December 2004.

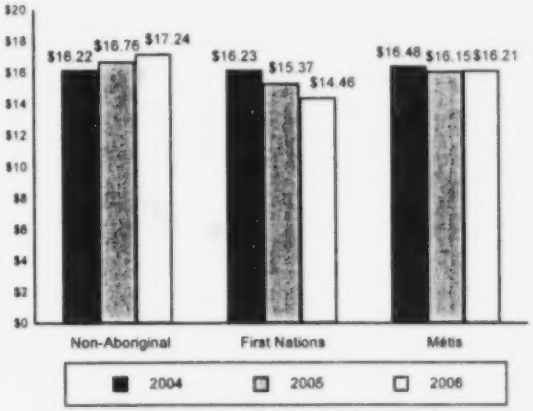
a lot of professions are not available. Overall, the top three occupations for Aboriginal people are sales and service occupations (29 percent), trades, transport and equipment operators (21 percent) and business, finance and administration (15 percent). These three account for almost two-thirds of the off-reserve Aboriginal labour force in BC. A quarter of the Métis workforce are employed as trades, transport and equipment operators.

Other interesting information gathered from the Labour Force Survey data are that First Nations people are twice as likely as non-Aboriginal people to work in the forest sector. The Aboriginal population shows lower representation in the professional, scientific, and technical services sector and the education sector. Aboriginal people have lower levels of unionization. Relatively fewer Aboriginal people are self-employed because fewer are in the professions and the professions have the highest incidence of self-employment.

Wages

Aboriginal employees earn less on average than their non-Aboriginal counterparts. For example in 2006, Aboriginal employees with a high school credential earned $15.11 per hour compared to $17.24 per hour for non-Aboriginal employees. Métis individuals, who have completed a high school diploma, are doing slightly better than their First Nations counterparts ($16.21 versus 14.46 per hour).

The hourly average wages for those with high school completion but no post-secondary education are declining for Aboriginal people



Source: Labour Force Survey 2006

There does remain a differential in wages for those who have completed high school plus post-secondary but that is explainable. All post-secondary credentials are not of equal value and as was already shown, relatively more of the non-Aboriginal population have university degrees. Among Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples who are working, the hours spent on the job are fairly similar at 36.4 versus 36.9 average hours per week, respectively.

Among the non-Aboriginal population, men earn $3.85 more per hour than women. In Aboriginal communities the hourly wage rates between men and women are much are closer; for example, Métis men earn only $.91 more per hour than women. We would expect Aboriginal women to have higher hourly wage rates based on the fact that Aboriginal women have higher levels of education but occupational choices also have a substantial impact on hourly wages. Over 90 percent of women (Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal) are working in the service sector where hourly wages are lower, whereas men are more likely to work in the goods-producing sector (includes: agriculture, forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas, utilities, construction and manufacturing) where hourly wages are higher.

Over 40 percent of Aboriginal men are working in the goods-producing sector compared to only 8 percent of Aboriginal women.

Average hourly wage rates between Aboriginal men and women are closer than those of non-Aboriginal men and women

Source: Labour Force Survey 2006

From the BC College and Institute Student Outcomes Survey

The BC College and Institute Student Outcomes (CISO) Survey is an annual province-wide survey conducted with funding from the Ministry of Advanced Education and from BC's public colleges, university colleges, institutes, and a special purpose university. For the 2006 survey, 16,248 former students were interviewed by telephone, 9–20 months after they left their post-secondary programs. They were asked to evaluate their educational experience and to talk about their employment outcomes, further education, and personal development. Former students who took baccalaureate programs at BC's public colleges, university colleges, and institutes were not included in the survey.

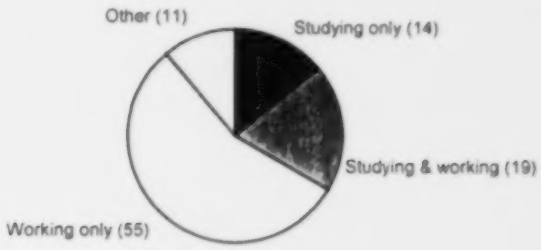
In 2006, 4.6 percent of those surveyed identified themselves as Aboriginal. Sixty-three percent of Aboriginal former students surveyed in 2006 attended colleges, 24 percent had been in university colleges, and 13 percent were from institutes. Just under 50 percent of all Aboriginal respondents were enrolled in one of three program areas: Arts and Sciences, Business and Management, and Construction and Precision Production. Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal respondents made similar choices.

Aboriginal former students were more likely to be female and older compared with other survey respondents. In 2006, 61 percent of Aboriginal former students were female, compared with 53 percent of non-Aboriginal former students. Aboriginal former students also tended to be older, with a median age of 28; the median age of non-Aboriginal former students was 24.

In 2006, respondents were asked about their family status. Aboriginal respondents were more likely than non-Aboriginal respondents to be part of a couple with children—22 percent and 14 percent respectively. In addition, Aboriginal students were three times more likely to be single parents.

Aboriginal former students were less likely to be employed than non-Aboriginal students—75 percent and 80 percent respectively. Aboriginal former students (9.7 percent) were more likely than their non-Aboriginal counterparts (6.2 percent) to be unemployed. At the time of the survey, a third of Aboriginal respondents reported they were studying—19 percent were studying while they worked; 14 percent were studying only. Forty percent of non-Aboriginal students were studying at the time of the survey.

At the time of the survey, 75 percent of the Aboriginal respondents were working



Source: CISO Survey 2006

Former students surveyed were asked to report the amount of government student loans they received while they took their college, university college, or institute program. Over 30 percent of respondents said they had received a government student loan while taking their post-secondary studies. Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students received government student loans to fund their education at about the same rate—33 and 32 percent respectively. Aboriginal former students' median debt from government student loans was no different than that of non-Aboriginal respondents—the median government student loan amount was $10,000.

Aboriginal former students were less likely to receive free or subsidized room and board from family, friends, or other sources—28 percent, compared with 42 percent for non-Aboriginal respondents. Thirty-five percent of Aboriginal respondents said they had to relocate from their home communities to attend their post-secondary institutions, compared with only 21 percent of non-Aboriginal respondents.

For more information on BC student outcomes, please see http://outcomes.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/

1 SUMMARY TRENDS

		Consumer Price Index			Average Weekly Wage Rate						Employment Growth			Unemployment Rate		
					Current Dollars			Constant Dollars			Seasonally Adjusted			Seasonally Adjusted		
		BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.
		% Change			% Change			% Change			% Change			(%)		
	1997	0.7	1.6	2.3			4.5			2.1	2.4	2.1	2.3	8.4	9.1	4.9
	1998	0.3	0.9	1.6			3.9			2.3	-0.1	2.5	1.5	8.8	8.3	4.5
	1999	1.1	1.7	2.2	1.2	2.7	3.3	0.1	0.9	1.0	1.9	2.6	1.5	8.3	7.6	4.2
	2000	1.9	2.7	3.4	1.7	3.2	3.9	-0.2	0.4	0.5	1.9	2.5	2.5	7.1	6.8	4.0
	2001	1.7	2.6	2.8	1.4	3.2	2.7	-0.3	0.6	-0.2	-0.5	1.2	0.0	7.7	7.2	4.7
	2002	2.3	2.2	1.6	3.1	2.2	2.6	0.7	0.0	1.0	2.3	2.4	-0.3	8.5	7.7	5.8
	2003	2.1	2.8	2.3	2.3	1.9	2.2	0.2	-0.8	0.0	2.5	2.4	0.9	8.0	7.6	6.0
	2004	2.0	1.9	2.7	0.4	2.6	2.1	-1.5	0.7	-0.5	2.4	1.8	1.1	7.2	7.2	5.5
	2005	2.0	2.2	3.4	2.6	3.5	2.9	0.5	1.3	-0.5	3.3	1.4	1.8	5.9	6.8	5.1
	2006	1.8	2.0	3.2	3.1	3.5	4.3	1.3	1.4	1.1	3.1	1.9	1.9	4.8	6.3	4.6
2006	Jan	1.6	2.8	4.0	1.7	3.5	3.9	0.1	0.7	-0.1	3.1	1.7	2.0	5.0	6.6	4.7
	Feb	1.6	2.2	3.6	1.7	3.3	3.5	0.1	1.1	-0.1	3.5	1.7	2.1	4.7	6.3	4.8
	Mar	1.8	2.2	3.4	2.9	3.7	4.3	1.1	1.5	0.9	4.1	2.1	2.2	4.5	6.3	4.7
	Apr	1.8	2.4	3.5	2.9	3.5	5.2	1.1	1.0	1.6	3.7	1.9	1.8	4.5	6.4	4.7
	May	2.3	2.8	4.2	3.2	4.2	2.9	0.9	1.4	-1.2	3.0	2.5	1.7	4.7	6.1	4.6
	Jun	2.2	2.5	4.3	3.1	3.6	4.6	0.9	1.1	0.3	3.1	2.3	1.9	4.3	6.1	4.6
	Jul	2.0	2.4	4.1	3.2	3.9	5.5	1.2	1.5	1.3	3.1	2.0	1.6	4.8	6.4	4.8
	Aug	2.0	2.1	3.8	3.6	3.8	4.7	1.6	1.6	0.9	2.6	1.7	1.5	4.8	6.4	4.7
	Sep	1.0	0.7	2.1	2.9	3.2	4.1	1.8	2.5	2.0	3.2	1.9	1.7	4.8	6.4	4.6
	Oct	1.1	0.9	1.3	3.7	3.2	4.3	2.5	2.2	2.9	3.1	1.8	1.9	4.7	6.1	4.4
	Nov	1.5	1.4	2.0	3.0	3.0	4.1	1.5	1.6	2.1	1.9	1.7	2.1	5.0	6.2	4.5
	Dec	2.1	1.6	2.5	4.6	2.7	4.8	2.5	1.0	2.2	2.4	2.1	2.2	5.2	6.1	4.5
2007	Jan	2.2	1.2	2.1	3.2	1.9	2.6	1.0	0.8	0.5	3.7	2.4	2.0	4.3	6.2	4.6
	Feb	2.2	2.0	2.4	3.7	2.5	3.8	1.4	0.5	1.4	3.5	2.4	1.8	4.0	6.1	4.5
	Mar	2.2	2.3	2.8	3.5	1.9	4.3	1.2	-0.4	1.5	3.6	2.4	1.8	3.9	6.1	4.4
	Apr	-	-	-	3.8	2.3	-	-	-	-	2.6	2.3	-	4.4	6.1	-
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Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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2.1 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1997	573.25		612.63		562.34		503.70		508.80		605.28		548.86		488.70		479.75		440.72		495.30	
1998	581.38		621.21		574.30		510.88		517.48		612.18		557.54		497.82		494.58		447.28		492.94	
1999	597.08	2.7	628.82	1.2	594.57	3.5	526.79	3.1	532.50	2.9	634.16	3.6	566.69	1.6	506.47	1.7	504.77	2.1	463.69	3.7	496.99	0.8
2000	616.02	3.2	639.37	1.7	617.23	3.8	545.87	3.6	551.82	3.6	656.96	3.6	579.75	2.3	533.68	5.4	523.89	3.8	473.88	2.2	525.69	5.8
2001	635.75	3.2	648.19	1.4	653.69	5.9	571.73	4.7	562.32	1.9	678.51	3.3	596.38	2.9	537.56	0.7	543.33	3.7	496.19	4.7	549.60	4.5
2002	649.94	2.2	668.04	3.1	684.20	4.7	585.61	2.4	574.53	2.2	689.97	1.7	606.22	1.6	546.18	1.6	558.11	2.7	508.69	2.5	567.69	3.3
2003	662.44	1.9	683.68	2.3	688.04	0.6	604.82	3.3	588.61	2.5	701.35	1.6	619.30	2.2	561.46	2.8	574.14	2.9	538.53	5.9	588.26	3.6
2004	679.83	2.6	686.74	0.4	703.63	2.3	627.34	3.7	612.04	4.0	721.00	2.8	641.46	3.6	574.18	2.3	588.07	2.4	562.57	4.5	587.82	-0.1
2005	703.35	3.5	704.49	2.6	757.32	7.6	643.13	2.5	625.21	2.2	744.94	3.3	656.66	2.4	591.28	3.0	607.46	3.3	560.82	-0.3	615.82	4.8
2006	727.78	3.5	726.02	3.1	814.24	7.5	676.82	5.2	641.38	2.6	767.14	3.0	672.03	2.3	610.85	3.3	616.60	1.8	580.76	3.6	642.91	4.4
2006 Jan	718.57	3.5	720.31	1.7	801.44	9.2	663.21	5.6	631.52	4.5	754.31	2.5	667.81	2.8	601.69	2.7	619.62	5.3	564.16	-3.4	639.77	7.5
Feb	715.74	3.3	716.86	1.7	789.54	7.0	670.31	4.6	628.65	2.8	756.15	3.2	660.80	2.2	596.64	3.4	612.17	4.5	567.78	-2.7	643.47	8.0
Mar	721.41	3.7	718.33	2.9	793.57	7.8	672.72	6.1	632.89	2.0	761.75	3.4	669.07	2.4	610.32	5.1	616.08	2.5	586.32	1.4	645.90	5.9
Apr	724.06	3.5	720.63	2.9	804.96	7.6	665.85	6.6	640.65	2.8	766.42	3.1	666.70	2.1	601.46	4.6	616.67	0.9	586.53	2.7	646.47	7.3
May	725.85	4.2	721.82	3.2	810.09	8.7	668.93	5.4	645.47	4.2	764.57	4.0	674.24	3.0	596.37	2.4	615.57	1.1	582.80	4.5	650.52	6.3
Jun	726.66	3.6	722.67	3.1	810.65	8.1	666.03	3.3	642.87	1.7	768.39	3.6	673.42	2.6	598.26	0.8	608.34	-1.7	571.95	4.6	645.58	3.1
Jul	729.45	3.9	721.25	3.2	816.99	7.8	670.58	3.9	641.45	2.6	772.43	3.4	677.21	3.7	606.57	3.6	611.28	0.2	568.50	5.8	617.84	1.0
Aug	734.85	3.8	728.13	3.6	833.92	9.4	677.97	4.5	641.43	1.4	773.50	2.7	682.19	3.3	620.86	4.4	613.67	0.8	568.56	4.2	632.63	0.3
Sep	735.97	3.2	730.10	2.9	828.49	6.8	689.30	5.1	649.64	1.5	776.31	2.5	677.82	2.6	626.24	2.7	627.42	1.9	577.79	5.2	654.29	3.6
Oct	733.76	3.2	732.68	3.7	816.11	5.3	689.50	6.4	647.19	3.2	774.58	3.0	674.46	1.4	626.51	4.3	624.72	1.5	599.63	7.2	659.68	5.8
Nov	734.49	3.0	739.68	3.0	828.17	6.2	693.58	6.2	647.73	2.4	771.99	2.7	671.41	1.2	624.54	3.6	624.24	2.6	606.28	7.1	640.92	2.8
Dec	731.18	2.7	739.16	4.6	833.06	6.1	691.90	5.0	646.01	2.0	764.08	1.6	667.85	0.8	621.22	2.6	633.74	3.1	590.48	5.1	639.80	2.9
2007 Jan	732.40	1.9	743.37	3.2	831.66	3.8	697.74	5.2	661.84	4.8	761.58	1.0	670.08	0.3	619.70	3.0	644.89	4.1	594.99	5.5	647.36	1.2
Feb	733.94	2.5	743.33	3.7	838.95	6.3	693.37	3.4	657.80	4.6	764.26	1.1	670.33	1.4	631.09	5.8	635.06	3.7	600.60	5.8	638.42	-0.8
Mar	735.11	1.9	743.18	3.5	839.89	5.8	680.34	1.1	655.52	3.6	767.19	0.7	671.08	0.3	634.12	3.9	645.30	4.7	590.76	0.8	640.77	-0.8
Apr	740.73	2.3	748.06	3.8	842.16	4.6	684.16	2.7	660.85	3.2	772.39	0.8	679.71	2.0	638.15	6.1	652.03	5.7	596.79	1.7	663.90	2.7
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Jan-Apr06	719.95		719.03		797.38		668.02		633.43		759.66		666.10		602.53		616.14		576.20		643.90	
Jan-Apr07	735.55		744.49		838.17		688.90		659.00		766.36		672.80		630.77		644.32		595.79		647.61	
% Change	2.2		3.5		5.1		3.1		4.0		0.9		1.0		4.7		4.6		3.4		0.6	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

2.2 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1997	15.59		16.91		14.79		13.55		13.81		16.33		15.32		12.90		12.87		11.79		13.16	
1998	15.78		17.17		15.15		13.76		14.04		16.48		15.49		13.12		13.20		11.94		13.05	
1999	16.17	2.5	17.34	1.0	15.76	4.0	14.21	3.3	14.48	3.1	17.00	3.2	15.72	1.5	13.34	1.7	13.45	1.9	12.28	2.8	13.06	0.1
2000	16.66	3.0	17.64	1.7	16.29	3.4	14.73	3.7	14.98	3.5	17.59	3.5	16.07	2.2	14.01	5.0	14.01	4.2	12.63	2.9	13.74	5.2
2001	17.22	3.4	17.98	1.9	17.13	5.2	15.35	4.2	15.34	2.4	18.17	3.3	16.63	3.5	14.20	1.4	14.53	3.7	13.22	4.7	14.32	4.2
2002	17.66	2.6	18.59	3.4	17.99	5.0	15.83	3.1	15.72	2.5	18.54	2.0	16.97	2.0	14.45	1.8	14.81	1.9	13.61	3.0	14.88	3.9
2003	18.04	2.2	19.02	2.3	18.13	0.8	16.42	3.7	16.06	2.2	18.88	1.8	17.42	2.7	14.80	2.4	15.42	4.1	14.52	6.7	15.46	3.9
2004	18.50	2.5	18.99	-0.2	18.54	2.3	16.94	3.2	16.74	4.2	19.43	2.9	17.99	3.3	15.21	2.8	15.79	2.4	15.09	3.9	15.44	-0.1
2005	19.09	3.2	19.36	1.9	19.76	6.6	17.28	2.0	17.17	2.6	20.06	3.2	18.43	2.4	15.63	2.8	16.24	2.8	15.15	0.4	16.09	4.2
2006	19.72	3.3	19.91	2.8	21.12	6.9	18.11	4.8	17.55	2.2	20.65	2.9	18.87	2.4	16.21	3.7	16.65	2.5	15.48	2.2	16.60	3.2
2006 Jan	19.66	3.4	19.86	1.3	20.87	7.4	18.09	6.0	17.49	5.4	20.55	2.9	18.88	2.6	16.18	3.9	16.71	4.5	15.47	-2.8	16.96	5.7
Feb	19.61	3.3	19.81	1.5	20.61	6.1	18.12	4.9	17.34	1.9	20.58	3.8	18.77	1.8	16.24	4.3	16.74	5.1	15.61	-2.6	17.24	6.9
Mar	19.71	3.5	19.71	2.4	20.76	7.0	18.12	5.7	17.49	1.1	20.67	3.4	18.99	2.5	16.35	4.9	16.76	3.5	16.00	0.2	17.15	5.3
Apr	19.69	3.1	19.77	2.3	21.07	6.8	17.86	5.5	17.49	1.7	20.66	2.7	18.83	2.3	16.18	4.7	16.67	2.0	15.95	0.9	16.90	4.9
May	19.60	3.8	19.66	2.0	20.95	7.3	17.92	5.3	17.46	2.4	20.51	3.7	18.89	3.4	15.83	2.8	16.47	2.2	15.18	0.7	16.63	3.7
Jun	19.56	3.5	19.74	2.9	20.94	7.3	17.80	3.2	17.41	1.4	20.52	3.2	18.75	3.1	15.79	1.7	16.35	0.1	14.85	1.9	16.30	2.7
Jul	19.47	3.7	19.62	4.0	20.88	7.4	17.63	2.9	17.23	1.6	20.48	3.4	18.66	3.2	15.82	3.7	16.21	1.2	14.71	3.1	15.74	2.2
Aug	19.58	3.7	19.72	3.1	21.20	8.3	17.72	3.5	17.28	1.1	20.52	3.0	18.75	3.3	16.17	4.9	16.31	1.6	14.72	2.9	15.90	0.1
Sep	19.88	3.0	19.99	2.4	21.62	7.7	18.34	4.6	17.82	2.4	20.78	2.2	18.98	2.8	16.46	3.5	16.85	2.4	15.33	4.9	16.59	0.9
Oct	19.92	3.1	20.13	3.3	21.30	5.6	18.49	5.2	17.80	3.0	20.90	3.0	18.95	1.3	16.49	4.4	16.91	2.5	15.88	6.5	16.74	3.1
Nov	20.02	2.9	20.52	4.2	21.60	6.3	18.62	5.8	17.89	2.9	20.86	2.4	19.01	1.0	16.56	3.8	16.95	3.0	16.27	5.9	16.71	1.2
Dec	19.96	2.6	20.39	4.4	21.62	5.9	18.67	5.1	17.92	1.9	20.74	1.8	18.95	1.0	16.56	2.5	16.93	2.9	16.17	4.5	16.70	2.0
2007 Jan	20.10	2.2	20.54	3.4	21.73	4.1	18.78	3.8	18.26	4.4	20.83	1.4	19.11	1.2	16.65	2.9	17.30	3.5	16.38	5.9	17.17	1.2
Feb	20.15	2.8	20.57	3.8	21.86	6.1	18.77	3.6	18.20	5.0	20.89	1.5	19.14	2.0	16.97	4.5	17.14	2.4	16.60	6.3	17.22	-0.1
Mar	20.14	2.2	20.41	3.6	21.94	5.7	18.58	2.5	18.18	3.9	20.92	1.2	19.12	0.7	17.01	4.0	17.28	3.1	16.31	1.9	17.16	0.1
Apr	20.26	2.9	20.56	4.0	22.14	5.1	18.62	4.3	18.25	4.3	21.01	1.7	19.27	2.3	17.10	5.7	17.57	5.4	16.39	2.8	17.43	3.1
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Jan-Apr06	19.67		19.79		20.83		18.05		17.45		20.62		18.87		16.24		16.72		15.76		17.06	
Jan-Apr07	20.16		20.52		21.92		18.69		18.22		20.91		19.16		16.93		17.32		16.42		17.25	
% Change	2.5		3.7		5.2		3.5		4.4		1.4		1.6		4.3		3.6		4.2		1.1	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

2.3 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1997	13,706.0		1,860.5		1,451.4		466.2		525.6		5,291.4		3,172.8		309.1		382.0		58.8		188.3	
1998	14,046.2	2.5	1,858.4	-0.1	1,509.9	4.0	470.5	0.9	534.2	1.6	5,453.3	3.1	3,257.5	2.7	315.2	2.0	395.3	3.5	59.6	1.4	192.4	2.2
1999	14,406.7	2.6	1,894.4	1.9	1,544.0	2.3	471.6	0.2	541.4	1.3	5,636.7	3.4	3,328.1	2.2	325.5	3.3	404.0	2.2	60.2	1.0	201.0	4.5
2000	14,764.2	2.5	1,931.3	1.9	1,584.0	2.6	473.5	0.4	552.3	2.0	5,817.1	3.2	3,402.8	2.2	331.2	1.8	411.4	1.8	62.7	4.2	198.0	-1.5
2001	14,946.2	1.2	1,921.6	-0.5	1,630.9	3.0	460.3	-2.8	554.3	0.4	5,926.2	1.9	3,440.2	1.1	330.1	-0.3	415.2	0.9	63.6	1.4	203.8	2.9
2002	15,310.4	2.4	1,965.0	2.3	1,670.8	2.4	468.3	1.7	567.2	2.3	6,031.4	1.8	3,569.9	3.8	343.1	3.9	422.9	1.9	64.7	1.7	207.2	1.7
2003	15,672.3	2.4	2,014.7	2.5	1,716.7	2.7	476.1	1.7	570.3	0.5	6,213.2	3.0	3,628.8	1.6	343.1	0.0	431.2	2.0	66.1	2.2	212.3	2.5
2004	15,947.0	1.8	2,062.7	2.4	1,757.5	2.4	479.7	0.8	576.6	1.1	6,316.5	1.7	3,680.5	1.4	350.1	2.0	442.2	2.6	66.9	1.2	214.3	0.9
2005	16,169.7	1.4	2,130.5	3.3	1,784.4	1.5	483.5	0.8	580.3	0.6	6,397.7	1.3	3,717.3	1.0	350.5	0.1	443.1	0.2	68.2	1.9	214.1	-0.1
2006	16,484.3	1.9	2,195.5	3.1	1,870.7	4.8	491.6	1.7	587.0	1.2	6,492.7	1.5	3,765.4	1.3	355.4	1.4	441.8	-0.3	68.6	0.6	215.7	0.7
2006 Jan	15,949.1	1.7	2,122.5	3.1	1,780.2	2.3	470.8	-0.5	574.1	1.1	6,337.6	1.9	3,639.1	1.1	342.9	3.0	425.0	-0.4	63.0	0.3	193.9	-2.7
Feb	16,041.7	1.7	2,141.7	3.5	1,812.8	3.7	471.9	-0.9	577.8	0.7	6,340.6	1.3	3,667.5	1.2	342.4	2.6	423.7	-0.4	63.6	0.5	199.9	1.4
Mar	16,106.7	2.1	2,164.9	4.1	1,824.4	3.9	474.4	-1.1	574.2	0.8	6,359.6	1.8	3,675.3	1.5	343.4	2.9	428.7	0.3	63.2	-0.8	198.5	-1.5
Apr	16,195.9	1.9	2,169.1	3.7	1,821.5	3.8	480.0	0.8	582.1	2.0	6,419.6	1.7	3,674.4	0.8	345.4	2.6	436.4	0.5	64.8	2.0	202.6	1.2
May	16,676.0	2.5	2,202.6	3.0	1,899.2	5.5	496.1	0.2	596.5	1.6	6,582.9	1.9	3,789.4	2.5	365.0	1.4	451.8	-0.6	72.7	3.0	220.0	2.5
Jun	16,854.5	2.2	2,226.3	3.1	1,908.8	5.2	503.4	1.1	599.1	1.6	6,624.9	1.8	3,860.0	1.7	373.6	2.6	453.5	-0.9	74.3	1.4	230.8	-0.8
Jul	16,856.8	2.0	2,228.2	3.1	1,897.8	4.6	504.8	1.5	593.2	0.7	6,608.5	1.9	3,887.6	1.3	373.0	1.3	453.0	-1.2	73.5	-0.5	237.1	-2.0
Aug	16,792.0	1.7	2,222.3	2.6	1,906.2	5.2	501.5	1.9	595.1	1.4	6,598.2	1.4	3,843.5	0.8	366.8	-0.2	453.6	-1.6	74.5	0.8	230.3	1.8
Sep	16,565.9	1.9	2,211.0	3.2	1,886.2	5.6	499.1	3.9	590.1	1.4	6,472.7	0.8	3,809.8	1.3	357.1	0.0	443.4	0.0	71.2	0.4	225.3	1.7
Oct	16,623.4	1.8	2,228.1	3.1	1,901.7	6.2	501.7	4.5	590.1	1.2	6,505.2	0.5	3,805.4	1.2	355.5	1.2	445.2	-0.4	69.2	-0.7	221.4	2.5
Nov	16,575.5	1.7	2,209.1	1.9	1,909.7	6.3	497.9	3.9	586.5	0.5	6,518.8	0.9	3,776.0	1.1	350.7	-0.3	443.2	0.5	67.4	0.3	216.1	1.0
Dec	16,574.5	2.1	2,219.6	2.4	1,899.5	5.6	497.3	4.8	585.4	0.6	6,543.9	1.8	3,757.5	1.1	349.0	-0.3	444.5	1.1	66.0	0.2	211.9	4.1
2007 Jan	16,364.9	2.6	2,213.4	4.3	1,901.9	6.8	493.4	4.8	579.8	1.0	6,437.2	1.6	3,701.1	1.7	342.4	-0.1	432.4	1.7	64.8	2.9	198.6	2.4
Feb	16,439.5	2.5	2,221.2	3.7	1,916.7	5.7	492.5	4.4	582.6	0.9	6,460.0	1.9	3,720.3	1.4	344.7	0.7	433.6	2.3	64.8	1.9	203.0	1.6
Mar	16,512.5	2.5	2,245.8	3.7	1,921.3	5.3	494.7	4.3	585.8	2.0	6,463.8	1.6	3,753.5	2.1	345.2	0.5	433.2	1.0	65.4	3.5	203.6	2.6
Apr	16,575.7	2.3	2,225.9	2.6	1,927.9	5.8	494.4	3.0	587.0	0.8	6,489.2	1.1	3,785.4	3.0	349.9	1.3	442.5	1.4	65.8	1.5	207.7	2.5
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Jan-Apr06	16,073.4		2,149.6		1,809.7		474.3		577.0		6,364.4		3,664.1		343.5		428.5		63.7		198.7	
Jan-Apr07	16,473.2		2,226.6		1,917.0		493.8		583.8		6,462.6		3,740.1		345.6		435.4		65.2		203.2	
% Change	2.5		3.6		5.9		4.1		1.2		1.5		2.1		0.6		1.6		2.4		2.3	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

2.4 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED*

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1997	34.2		33.0		35.8		35.7		34.5		34.5		33.4		35.1		34.2		35.2		34.1	
1998	33.9	-0.9	32.5	-1.5	34.8	-2.8	35.0	-2.0	34.3	-0.6	34.5	0.0	33.1	-0.9	34.9	-0.6	34.0	-0.6	34.8	-1.1	34.0	-0.3
1999	34.2	0.9	32.5	0.0	35.0	0.6	34.9	-0.3	34.2	-0.3	34.6	0.3	34.0	2.7	35.0	0.3	34.1	0.3	35.0	0.6	34.9	2.6
2000	34.5	0.9	33.2	2.2	35.7	2.0	35.2	0.9	34.5	0.9	34.7	0.3	33.8	-0.6	35.5	1.4	34.2	0.3	35.4	1.1	35.0	0.3
2001	33.8	-2.0	32.2	-3.0	35.7	0.0	34.7	-1.4	34.0	-1.4	34.2	-1.4	32.7	-3.3	34.7	-2.3	33.8	-1.2	35.1	-0.8	34.5	-1.4
2002	33.5	-0.9	32.0	-0.6	34.9	-2.2	34.1	-1.7	33.3	-2.1	34.0	-0.6	32.6	-0.3	34.6	-0.3	33.4	-1.2	34.5	-1.7	34.2	-0.9
2003	32.9	-1.8	31.8	-0.6	34.7	-0.6	33.7	-1.2	33.3	0.0	33.2	-2.4	31.9	-2.1	34.1	-1.4	32.9	-1.5	33.9	-1.7	33.3	-2.6
2004	33.3	1.2	32.3	1.6	34.9	0.6	33.8	0.3	33.3	0.0	33.7	1.5	32.3	1.3	33.8	-0.9	32.1	-2.4	33.0	-2.7	33.4	0.3
2005	33.5	0.6	32.6	0.9	35.5	1.7	34.4	1.8	33.4	0.3	33.8	0.3	32.5	0.6	34.2	1.2	33.1	3.1	33.8	2.4	34.1	2.1
2006	33.3	-0.6	32.5	-0.3	35.4	-0.3	34.5	0.3	33.4	0.0	33.4	-1.2	32.0	-1.5	34.3	0.3	32.9	-0.6	34.4	1.8	34.5	1.2
2006 Jan	34.3	1.8	33.8	3.0	36.7	4.0	34.3	4.6	33.5	-0.3	34.5	1.2	33.1	1.2	34.5	-0.9	33.6	0.6	33.1	0.6	33.9	0.9
Feb	33.7	-0.3	33.2	-1.8	35.8	0.8	31.9	-3.0	33.3	0.3	34.2	0.0	32.6	-0.3	34.0	-0.3	33.0	-0.9	33.1	1.8	34.2	0.6
Mar	33.0	-0.3	31.4	-7.1	36.4	1.7	34.8	1.2	34.5	2.7	32.2	0.6	33.1	0.3	34.5	2.1	30.3	-3.8	33.5	4.4	34.5	4.5
Apr	30.5	-11.8	29.9	-12.1	32.4	-9.7	31.4	-12.3	30.6	-11.6	30.3	-13.4	30.2	-10.4	31.1	-7.4	30.1	-11.7	29.4	-12.2	30.8	-8.6
May	34.7	0.0	33.8	0.0	36.2	0.6	37.8	1.9	35.5	1.1	35.0	0.0	33.3	-0.6	36.0	2.9	34.8	-0.3	38.3	6.1	36.8	3.7
Jun	35.0	0.0	33.9	0.3	36.4	0.0	36.2	-0.3	35.3	1.1	35.4	0.3	33.6	-1.2	35.9	0.3	34.3	-2.3	38.1	4.7	38.0	1.9
Jul	32.2	0.3	31.8	0.0	34.7	0.3	33.5	0.3	31.8	-1.2	32.6	0.9	30.2	0.0	33.6	0.0	32.8	0.9	34.0	-0.9	35.2	2.0
Aug	31.8	-0.6	31.1	0.6	33.7	-1.5	34.7	3.9	32.3	-0.3	32.2	-0.9	29.9	-1.3	32.9	-1.5	31.8	0.3	34.6	1.5	32.3	0.3
Sep	34.6	-0.6	34.0	1.5	36.3	-1.4	36.3	-0.5	35.0	-1.4	34.9	-0.3	33.2	-1.2	36.3	-1.1	34.8	1.5	36.4	1.4	35.3	-1.4
Oct	30.7	-0.3	30.7	4.4	33.0	-2.9	32.3	-3.0	30.6	-0.3	30.6	-0.6	29.1	-1.4	32.4	0.6	30.8	0.3	32.7	2.5	32.5	0.0
Nov	34.2	4.0	33.5	10.2	36.3	6.1	34.7	8.1	33.9	10.8	34.6	2.1	32.9	-0.3	35.0	10.4	34.0	10.4	34.8	13.4	34.8	8.1
Dec	34.3	-0.9	33.4	-0.9	36.9	0.0	35.4	1.7	34.1	-0.3	34.3	-1.7	33.4	-0.3	35.3	0.6	34.7	0.6	33.9	-0.3	35.8	2.3
2007 Jan	33.6	-2.0	33.2	-1.8	36.2	-1.4	34.4	0.3	33.6	0.3	33.9	-1.7	32.0	-3.3	34.0	-1.4	33.6	0.0	33.0	-0.3	33.8	-0.3
Feb	33.3	-1.2	33.2	0.0	35.9	0.3	32.1	0.6	33.0	-0.9	33.4	-2.3	31.9	-2.1	34.0	0.0	33.2	0.6	32.1	-3.0	33.1	-3.2
Mar	32.7	-0.9	33.0	5.1	36.3	-0.3	34.6	-0.6	33.7	-2.3	31.7	-1.6	32.2	-2.7	34.3	-0.6	30.5	0.7	31.8	-5.1	33.6	-2.6
Apr	34.3	12.5	34.0	13.7	35.6	9.9	35.5	13.1	34.8	13.7	34.9	15.2	32.5	7.6	34.6	11.3	33.9	12.6	33.0	12.2	34.1	10.7
May																						
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Average:																						
Jan-Apr06	32.9		32.1		35.3		33.1		33.0		32.8		32.3		33.5		31.8		32.3		33.4	
Jan-Apr07	33.5		33.4		36.0		34.2		33.8		33.5		32.2		34.2		32.8		32.5		33.7	
% Change	1.8		4.0		1.9		3.2		2.4		2.1		-0.3		2.1		3.3		0.6		0.9	

* Average Actual Hours, All Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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3.1 B.C. SECTOR COMPARISON - EARNINGS AND EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

		Average Weekly Wage rate				Average Hourly Wage Rate				Employment (Actual)				Average Weekly Hours Worked*			
		Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries	
		$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
	1997	731.93		579.76		18.51		16.47		417.3		1,443.2		36.3		32.0	
	1998	754.02		584.04		18.99		16.66		408.5	-2.1	1,449.9	0.5	36.0	-0.8	31.5	-1.6
	1999	763.14	1.2	594.48	1.8	19.20	1.1	16.86	1.2	393.8	-3.6	1,500.5	3.5	36.2	0.6	31.5	0.0
	2000	764.48	0.2	607.09	2.1	19.26	0.3	17.23	2.2	406.3	3.2	1,525.0	1.6	36.9	1.9	32.3	2.5
	2001	780.91	2.1	616.03	1.5	19.60	1.8	17.59	2.1	382.3	-5.9	1,539.3	0.9	36.3	-1.6	31.2	-3.4
	2002	787.66	0.9	638.67	3.7	19.91	1.6	18.27	3.9	392.2	2.6	1,572.8	2.2	35.8	-1.4	31.0	-0.6
	2003	809.71	2.8	651.68	2.0	20.47	2.8	18.66	2.1	416.4	6.2	1,598.3	1.6	35.6	-0.6	30.8	-0.6
	2004	793.81	-2.0	658.93	1.1	19.94	-2.6	18.74	0.4	436.9	4.9	1,625.8	1.7	36.3	2.0	31.2	1.3
	2005	807.50	1.7	678.52	3.0	20.20	1.3	19.15	2.2	452.7	3.6	1,677.8	3.2	36.7	1.1	31.5	1.0
	2006	836.11	3.5	696.28	2.9	20.87	3.3	19.67	2.7	463.9	2.5	1,731.6	3.2	36.5	-0.5	31.5	0.0
2006	Jan	835.07	2.6	693.64	1.8	20.96	1.6	19.60	1.3	421.5	-3.9	1,701.1	5.1	37.1	4.5	33.0	2.8
	Feb	828.76	3.3	690.29	1.5	20.93	3.5	19.55	1.1	442.5	0.2	1,699.2	4.4	36.5	-3.4	32.4	-1.2
	Mar	828.13	3.2	691.25	2.9	20.94	4.2	19.41	2.0	454.3	4.6	1,710.6	3.9	36.6	-3.9	30.0	-8.3
	Apr	820.50	0.3	696.46	3.8	20.69	1.6	19.55	2.6	449.6	1.4	1,719.5	4.3	32.6	-15.8	29.2	-11.0
	May	839.29	2.8	692.71	3.4	20.74	1.7	19.39	2.1	460.5	2.1	1,742.0	3.3	37.2	-2.4	33.0	0.9
	Jun	825.71	1.9	696.82	3.6	20.57	2.0	19.53	3.1	464.4	-0.2	1,761.9	4.0	38.0	-0.3	32.9	0.9
	Jul	819.03	2.9	694.94	3.4	20.37	3.7	19.41	4.0	493.5	1.5	1,734.7	3.6	36.2	-1.6	30.5	0.7
	Aug	827.52	5.2	701.45	3.1	20.60	4.7	19.49	2.7	487.9	2.7	1,734.4	2.5	35.4	-1.4	29.9	1.4
	Sep	844.54	4.9	701.25	2.2	20.82	3.8	19.78	2.0	469.7	4.6	1,741.3	2.8	38.5	0.5	32.8	1.5
	Oct	844.52	5.3	703.74	3.1	20.89	4.1	19.93	3.1	475.3	5.2	1,752.8	2.6	34.7	4.5	29.6	4.2
	Nov	859.78	3.7	708.06	2.5	21.57	4.3	20.25	4.2	476.0	5.3	1,733.1	1.0	37.8	12.5	32.3	9.1
	Dec	859.65	6.1	708.64	3.9	21.40	4.7	20.14	4.2	471.2	6.2	1,748.3	1.4	37.0	-0.3	32.4	-1.2
2007	Jan	861.31	3.1	712.85	2.8	21.41	2.1	20.32	3.7	474.3	12.5	1,739.1	2.2	36.0	-3.0	32.4	-1.8
	Feb	873.42	5.4	710.97	3.0	21.77	4.0	20.28	3.7	467.1	5.6	1,754.1	3.2	37.8	3.6	32.0	-1.2
	Mar	874.10	5.6	709.98	2.7	21.65	3.4	20.10	3.6	482.6	6.2	1,763.2	3.1	37.0	1.1	31.9	6.3
	Apr	865.93	5.5	717.00	2.9	21.54	4.1	20.30	3.8	485.6	8.0	1,740.3	1.2	37.9	16.3	32.9	12.7
	May																
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Average:																	
Jan-Apr06		828.12		692.91		20.88		19.53		442.0		1,707.6		35.7		31.2	
Jan-Apr07		868.69		712.70		21.59		20.25		477.4		1,749.2		37.2		32.3	
% Change		4.9		2.9		3.4		3.7		8.0		2.4		4.1		3.7	

* Average Actual Hours, All Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1997	731.93		419.45		894.10		891.22		734.88		683.80	
1998	754.02		448.71		899.86		965.38		748.01		728.54	
1999	763.14	1.2	518.47	15.5	943.23	4.8	919.16	-4.8	756.61	1.1	706.60	-3.0
2000	764.48	0.2	443.18	-14.5	945.49	0.2	952.59	3.6	750.08	-0.9	737.24	4.3
2001	780.91	2.1	463.69	4.6	974.68	3.1	945.04	-0.8	762.88	1.7	786.23	6.6
2002	787.66	0.9	458.57	-1.1	953.33	-2.2	980.51	3.8	784.68	2.9	778.14	-1.0
2003	809.71	2.8	479.92	4.7	968.26	1.6	1079.10	10.1	807.45	2.9	779.83	0.2
2004	793.81	-2.0	494.54	3.0	1019.25	5.3	998.53	-7.5	791.22	-2.0	784.30	0.6
2005	807.50	1.7	506.64	2.4	1047.49	2.8	1056.01	5.8	803.36	1.5	778.92	-0.7
2006	836.11	3.5	488.52	-3.6	1089.11	4.0	1089.09	3.1	826.97	2.9	823.56	5.7
2006 Jan	835.07	2.6	507.45	-16.8	1083.22	7.2	1020.34	9.1	843.14	5.3	791.43	-2.0
Feb	828.76	3.3	502.71	-3.1	1082.06	10.7	933.63	0.8	827.25	4.1	814.44	1.2
Mar	828.13	3.2	531.36	-3.3	1087.20	6.0	1264.05	31.3	819.07	5.5	805.71	-1.9
Apr	820.50	0.3	425.55	-13.4	1078.74	3.9	1129.50	2.0	820.83	3.1	819.48	-1.2
May	839.29	2.8	461.01	1.2	1077.79	3.0	1148.99	-3.4	826.91	3.1	847.23	7.2
Jun	825.71	1.9	476.02	-1.4	1068.02	6.3	1141.51	6.3	818.55	-0.2	812.04	6.2
Jul	819.03	2.9	458.28	-12.0	1079.95	4.9	1076.91	-1.7	826.43	3.5	790.55	4.3
Aug	827.52	5.2	454.83	-10.5	1060.52	10.8	1114.01	-1.6	837.32	3.9	807.39	8.5
Sep	844.54	4.9	445.42	-6.6	1107.02	4.8	1077.61	-2.7	837.28	4.1	836.32	9.7
Oct	844.52	5.3	543.40	12.8	1122.38	0.4	1035.84	-3.5	809.88	1.2	848.52	14.1
Nov	859.78	3.7	558.36	8.3	1103.49	-5.6	1112.44	8.3	835.63	1.6	840.99	7.4
Dec	859.65	6.1	531.55	8.8	1100.70	-6.5	1052.69	17.4	822.97	0.5	867.75	14.7
2007 Jan	861.31	3.1	520.61	2.6	1105.10	2.0	1143.37	12.1	821.57	-2.6	865.72	9.4
Feb	873.42	5.4	551.13	9.6	1077.65	-0.4	1327.62	42.2	836.85	1.2	864.41	6.1
Mar	874.10	5.6	556.59	4.7	1095.45	0.8	1257.00	-0.6	838.07	2.3	883.51	9.7
Apr	865.93	5.5	588.80	38.4	1031.82	-4.3	1114.07	-1.4	857.63	4.5	853.94	4.2
May												
Jun												
Jul												
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Dec												
Average:												
Jan-Apr06	828.12		491.77		1082.81		1086.88		827.57		807.77	
Jan-Apr07	868.69		554.28		1077.51		1210.52		838.53		866.90	
% Change	4.9		12.7		-0.5		11.4		1.3		7.3	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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3.2B B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service								Public Administration		Total All Industries	
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.					
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1997	579.76		700.83		489.26		590.49		733.47		738.41		604.89		315.46		787.32		612.63	
1998	584.04		720.07		481.79		631.81		750.34		725.43		614.73		328.88		767.01		621.21	
1999	594.48	1.8	733.87	1.9	503.61	4.5	627.82	-0.6	776.25	3.5	738.95	1.9	624.62	1.6	318.75	-3.1	791.92	3.2	628.82	1.2
2000	607.09	2.1	730.56	-0.5	489.95	-2.7	677.15	7.9	778.28	0.3	766.76	3.8	635.84	1.8	338.07	6.1	813.88	2.8	639.37	1.7
2001	616.03	1.5	770.96	5.5	488.29	-0.3	682.44	0.8	808.78	3.9	745.10	-2.8	660.53	3.9	344.40	1.9	825.90	1.5	648.19	1.4
2002	638.67	3.7	801.51	4.0	502.66	2.9	732.43	7.3	850.34	5.1	776.52	4.2	688.72	4.3	334.46	-2.9	889.68	7.7	668.04	3.1
2003	651.68	2.0	803.93	0.3	522.83	4.0	728.90	-0.5	859.44	1.1	791.53	1.9	707.75	2.8	350.03	4.7	906.69	1.9	683.68	2.3
2004	658.93	1.1	788.53	-1.9	521.95	-0.2	721.30	-1.0	841.32	-2.1	825.68	4.3	732.99	3.6	362.56	3.6	911.87	0.6	686.74	0.4
2005	678.52	3.0	838.68	6.4	522.12	0.0	732.85	1.6	930.40	10.6	852.02	3.2	727.40	-0.8	385.89	6.4	952.45	4.5	704.49	2.6
2006	698.28	2.9	853.73	1.8	560.93	7.4	767.73	4.8	953.97	2.5	848.00	-0.5	749.46	3.0	375.41	-2.7	990.00	3.9	726.02	3.1
2006 Jan	693.64	1.8	866.24	1.6	553.17	6.8	788.44	5.6	903.99	1.4	837.86	-0.8	735.18	-2.1	370.93	40.2	961.52	-0.5	720.31	1.7
Feb	690.29	1.5	850.67	4.7	565.29	8.6	749.20	3.1	924.97	1.0	851.84	3.3	728.34	-2.5	352.16	33.4	982.29	2.2	716.86	1.7
Mar	691.25	2.9	846.80	3.5	560.31	9.3	758.48	2.6	906.07	-2.0	840.81	1.8	747.09	3.8	362.28	36.3	932.04	-3.3	718.33	2.9
Apr	696.46	3.8	870.13	7.8	537.55	1.4	765.97	8.3	985.51	2.4	877.54	5.4	744.63	3.1	359.89	37.8	953.68	1.4	720.63	2.9
May	692.71	3.4	858.97	4.7	551.32	7.6	752.71	6.3	948.81	0.3	844.15	-0.7	745.46	4.5	357.82	30.3	986.84	9.2	721.82	3.2
Jun	696.82	3.6	872.60	1.3	553.58	8.0	781.51	6.6	956.48	6.3	851.07	-1.2	742.40	3.3	381.10	39.6	997.81	7.3	722.67	3.1
Jul	694.94	3.4	853.16	-0.5	569.85	10.3	773.83	8.3	997.92	8.4	867.79	4.6	722.55	0.1	383.01	45.2	947.89	4.3	721.25	3.2
Aug	701.45	3.1	828.70	-0.6	567.53	8.4	801.75	13.3	970.34	3.1	867.82	-4.8	757.46	5.0	378.74	39.8	1027.47	8.9	728.13	3.6
Sep	701.25	2.2	818.94	-3.7	557.14	2.3	805.67	10.1	954.36	1.1	828.93	-1.4	771.35	5.8	379.47	40.1	1029.24	5.6	730.10	2.9
Oct	703.74	3.1	842.76	-2.0	564.66	8.2	819.28	7.3	941.95	0.0	823.65	-5.4	765.97	5.8	392.52	48.1	1020.94	4.3	732.68	3.7
Nov	708.06	2.5	877.53	5.9	566.40	8.0	728.64	-5.2	974.54	2.4	844.92	-4.2	770.40	4.2	386.56	48.0	1024.01	4.6	739.68	3.0
Dec	708.64	3.9	857.69	0.2	585.54	11.2	691.12	-8.6	982.31	5.9	846.48	-1.7	761.75	6.1	397.79	52.1	1024.21	3.8	739.16	4.6
2007 Jan	712.85	2.8	851.13	-1.7	585.36	5.8	749.38	-5.0	981.07	8.5	838.91	0.1	771.93	5.0	378.56	2.1	1015.38	5.6	743.37	3.2
Feb	710.97	3.0	857.76	0.8	567.16	0.3	738.92	-1.4	978.13	5.7	824.45	-3.2	766.63	5.3	378.82	7.6	1015.69	3.4	743.33	3.7
Mar	709.98	2.7	858.77	1.4	558.53	-0.3	787.74	3.9	1020.68	12.6	825.77	-1.8	751.79	0.6	378.66	4.5	1036.14	11.2	743.18	3.5
Apr	717.00	2.9	863.23	-0.8	604.33	12.4	761.78	-0.5	981.21	-0.4	823.03	-6.2	738.42	-0.8	394.91	9.7	1033.86	8.4	748.06	3.8
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Average:																				
Jan-Apr06	692.91		858.46		554.08		765.52		930.14		852.01		738.81		361.32		957.38		719.03	
Jan-Apr07	712.70		857.72		578.85		759.46		990.27		828.04		757.19		382.74		1025.27		744.49	
% Change	2.9		-0.1		4.5		-0.8		6.5		-2.8		2.5		5.9		7.1		3.5	

Monthly Percent Changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.3A ***B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE***

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1997	18.51		11.50		21.43		23.55		18.50		17.80	
1998	18.99		12.04		21.23		25.21		18.94		18.62	
1999	19.20	1.1	13.72	14.0	21.93	3.3	24.16	-4.2	19.14	1.1	18.23	-2.1
2000	19.26	0.3	11.38	-17.1	22.71	3.6	24.75	2.4	18.95	-1.0	18.93	3.8
2001	19.60	1.8	11.92	4.7	22.80	0.4	24.76	0.0	19.29	1.8	19.89	5.1
2002	19.91	1.6	11.83	-0.8	22.32	-2.1	25.92	4.7	19.88	3.1	20.02	0.7
2003	20.47	2.8	12.77	7.9	23.20	3.9	28.13	8.5	20.47	3.0	19.91	-0.5
2004	19.94	-2.6	12.61	-1.3	24.00	3.4	25.81	-8.2	20.01	-2.2	19.78	-0.7
2005	20.20	1.3	12.69	0.6	24.19	0.8	27.57	6.8	20.31	1.5	19.57	-1.1
2006	20.87	3.3	12.74	0.4	25.21	4.2	28.00	1.6	20.92	3.0	20.52	4.9
2006 Jan	20.96	1.5	13.38	-12.4	24.48	2.1	27.40	9.5	21.43	6.1	19.94	-5.3
Feb	20.93	3.5	14.22	9.0	25.13	8.1	25.33	3.4	21.14	4.6	20.27	-0.2
Mar	20.94	4.2	14.79	12.7	25.43	4.4	30.95	21.5	20.89	5.6	20.36	0.1
Apr	20.69	1.6	12.48	1.8	25.00	2.4	28.90	0.5	20.87	3.6	20.51	0.3
May	20.74	1.7	12.31	6.8	24.21	0.3	29.89	-3.3	20.89	2.6	20.55	4.3
Jun	20.57	2.0	12.89	7.3	24.89	7.6	29.41	5.9	20.57	-0.2	20.19	5.1
Jul	20.37	3.7	11.40	-11.8	25.52	9.5	28.07	-0.7	20.72	3.7	19.68	5.1
Aug	20.60	4.7	12.02	0.2	25.01	9.6	27.71	-5.9	20.98	3.7	20.14	6.9
Sep	20.82	3.8	11.33	-8.3	24.93	2.2	26.65	-6.4	21.07	4.2	20.68	8.6
Oct	20.89	4.1	12.75	4.2	25.45	1.6	26.81	-4.8	20.52	0.9	21.06	12.2
Nov	21.57	4.3	13.52	3.3	25.91	0.9	28.79	8.0	21.29	2.1	21.22	7.7
Dec	21.40	4.7	12.93	-3.5	26.02	-2.6	26.94	11.7	20.76	-0.4	21.63	12.5
2007 Jan	21.41	2.1	13.22	-1.2	25.34	3.5	29.58	8.0	20.70	-3.4	21.76	9.1
Feb	21.77	4.0	14.39	1.2	24.78	-1.4	34.11	34.7	21.16	0.1	21.63	6.7
Mar	21.65	3.4	14.23	-3.8	25.07	-1.4	31.54	1.9	21.01	0.6	21.99	8.0
Apr	21.54	4.1	14.91	19.5	24.36	-2.6	27.80	-3.8	21.43	2.7	21.43	4.5
May												
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Dec												
Average:												
Jan-Apr06	20.88		13.72		25.01		28.15		21.08		20.27	
Jan-Apr07	21.59		14.19		24.89		30.76		21.08		21.70	
% Change	3.4		3.4		-0.5		9.3		0.0		7.1	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

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B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service						Public Administration		Total All Industries	
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.			
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1997	16.47		18.21		13.56		16.15		19.12		22.51		18.51		10.11		21.20		16.91	
1998	16.66		18.67		13.58		17.27		19.63		22.20		18.78		10.42		20.94		17.17	
1999	16.86	1.2	19.03	1.9	14.09	3.8	17.15	-0.7	20.47	4.3	22.02	-0.8	18.98	1.1	10.29	-1.2	21.56	3.0	17.34	1.0
2000	17.23	2.2	18.70	-1.7	13.95	-1.0	18.41	7.3	20.36	-0.5	23.05	4.7	19.29	1.6	10.81	5.1	21.88	1.5	17.64	1.7
2001	17.59	2.1	20.06	7.3	13.96	0.1	18.62	1.1	21.42	5.2	22.71	-1.5	20.17	4.6	10.95	1.3	22.56	3.1	17.98	1.9
2002	18.27	3.9	20.38	1.6	14.45	3.5	19.92	7.0	22.52	5.1	23.66	4.2	21.03	4.3	11.09	1.3	23.93	6.1	18.59	3.4
2003	18.66	2.1	20.43	0.2	14.93	3.3	19.78	-0.7	22.71	0.8	24.27	2.6	21.91	4.2	11.28	1.7	24.40	2.0	19.02	2.3
2004	18.74	0.4	19.95	-2.3	14.94	0.1	19.80	0.1	22.11	-2.6	25.04	3.2	22.04	0.6	11.57	2.6	24.81	1.7	18.99	-0.2
2005	19.15	2.2	21.16	6.1	14.97	0.2	19.89	0.5	24.30	9.9	25.21	0.7	21.87	-0.8	12.00	3.7	25.88	4.3	19.36	1.9
2006	19.67	2.7	21.42	1.2	15.75	5.2	20.78	4.5	25.03	3.0	25.48	1.1	22.40	2.4	11.85	-1.3	26.54	2.6	19.91	2.8
2006 Jan	19.60	1.3	21.79	1.7	15.75	4.4	20.97	0.4	23.62	0.8	24.44	-2.9	22.47	0.4	12.06	2.2	25.79	-1.6	19.86	1.3
Feb	19.55	1.1	21.24	3.8	16.07	7.2	20.14	0.8	24.21	0.6	25.83	3.1	21.85	-2.7	11.67	-2.2	26.29	0.1	19.81	1.5
Mar	19.41	2.0	21.26	3.3	15.77	5.8	20.36	1.5	23.77	-2.3	24.84	2.3	22.22	1.8	11.71	-0.5	25.32	-2.8	19.71	2.4
Apr	19.55	2.6	21.74	3.5	15.33	1.3	20.49	5.7	25.72	4.2	25.86	3.5	22.11	2.6	11.48	-2.2	25.70	-0.1	19.77	2.3
May	19.39	2.1	21.53	2.1	15.35	4.2	20.53	7.8	24.79	0.7	25.14	-2.1	22.02	3.4	11.27	-4.7	26.42	5.4	19.66	2.0
Jun	19.53	3.1	21.83	1.9	15.55	5.6	21.28	8.8	25.05	5.8	25.35	-0.4	21.97	1.8	11.72	-1.0	26.85	6.4	19.74	2.9
Jul	19.41	4.0	21.14	-1.5	15.72	7.6	21.00	10.2	26.34	11.8	25.17	2.7	21.68	1.7	11.56	-2.9	25.68	4.1	19.62	4.0
Aug	19.49	2.7	21.14	0.2	15.83	6.7	21.53	13.3	25.34	3.5	25.18	-4.3	22.40	2.2	11.45	-4.7	26.99	5.7	19.72	3.1
Sep	19.78	2.0	20.57	-3.7	15.56	1.7	21.73	8.5	25.16	1.9	25.23	-0.2	22.87	3.8	12.14	-2.3	27.52	3.5	19.99	2.4
Oct	19.93	3.1	20.96	-2.1	15.74	4.7	22.01	5.1	24.98	0.2	25.63	1.1	23.05	5.3	12.31	-1.2	27.23	3.2	20.13	3.3
Nov	20.25	4.2	22.27	6.4	15.97	6.3	20.14	-2.5	25.64	3.1	26.88	5.8	23.09	4.3	12.45	0.1	27.28	3.0	20.52	4.2
Dec	20.14	4.2	21.56	0.2	16.44	8.0	19.21	-6.3	25.78	5.9	25.97	3.5	23.08	5.1	12.38	3.9	27.55	3.6	20.39	4.4
2007 Jan	20.32	3.7	21.64	-0.7	16.45	4.4	20.42	-2.6	25.23	6.8	26.68	9.2	23.31	3.7	12.06	0.0	27.34	6.0	20.54	3.4
Feb	20.28	3.7	21.88	3.0	16.18	0.7	20.41	1.3	25.48	5.2	25.59	-0.9	23.24	6.4	12.29	5.3	27.21	3.5	20.57	3.8
Mar	20.10	3.6	21.54	1.3	15.88	0.7	21.07	3.5	26.01	9.4	25.35	2.1	22.95	3.3	11.94	2.0	27.74	9.6	20.41	3.6
Apr	20.30	3.8	21.47	-1.2	16.53	7.8	20.80	1.5	25.31	-1.6	25.85	0.0	22.93	3.7	12.50	8.9	27.70	7.8	20.56	4.0
May																				
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Average:																				
Jan-Apr06	19.53		21.51		15.73		20.49		24.33		25.24		22.16		11.73		25.78		19.79	
Jan-Apr07	20.25		21.63		16.26		20.68		25.51		25.87		23.11		12.20		27.50		20.52	
% Change	3.7		0.6		3.4		0.9		4.8		2.5		4.3		4.0		6.7		3.7	

Monthly Percent Changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.4A B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)

	All Goods Prod. Industries (incl. Utilities)		Agriculture		Forestry		Fishing and Trapping		Mining		Total Manufacturing		Selected Breakout of Manufacturing						Construction	
													Food and Beverage		Wood		Paper and Allied			
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1997	417.3		34.0		32.2		5.4		16.3		196.2		25.1		44.6		23.1		123.1	
1998	408.5	-2.1	33.0	-2.9	30.2	-6.2	3.4	-37.0	17.7	8.6	195.9	-0.2	25.6	2.0	43.4	-2.7	22.7	-1.7	117.2	-4.8
1999	393.8	-3.6	28.1	-14.8	30.0	-0.7	3.8	11.8	14.8	-16.4	191.8	-2.1	21.6	-15.6	42.4	-2.3	22.4	-1.3	114.3	-2.5
2000	406.3	3.2	29.7	5.7	35.5	18.3	4.3	13.2	12.8	-13.5	202.5	5.6	23.4	8.3	45.7	7.8	17.8	-20.5	111.1	-2.8
2001	382.3	-5.9	25.5	-14.1	24.7	-30.4	4.7	9.3	11.3	-11.7	194.9	-3.8	25.6	9.4	48.9	7.0	15.0	-15.7	110.7	-0.4
2002	392.2	2.6	29.0	13.7	25.3	2.4	3.1	-34.0	9.2	-18.6	196.6	0.9	27.0	5.5	43.8	-10.4	17.0	13.3	118.1	6.7
2003	416.4	6.2	32.9	13.4	27.7	9.5	4.6	48.4	13.3	44.6	206.8	5.2	31.7	17.4	49.0	11.9	14.4	-15.3	119.8	1.4
2004	436.9	4.9	36.9	12.2	21.5	-22.4	2.9	-37.0	11.1	-16.5	211.2	2.1	31.4	-0.9	46.9	-4.3	12.0	-16.7	144.0	20.2
2005	452.7	3.6	38.7	4.9	21.6	0.5	2.1	-27.6	13.8	24.3	198.2	-6.2	31.5	0.3	45.8	-2.3	12.3	2.5	168.0	16.7
2006	463.9	2.5	34.7	-10.3	21.7	0.5	2.7	28.6	19.4	40.6	197.5	-0.4	24.4	-22.5	44.8	-2.2	15.1	22.8	179.3	6.7
2006 Jan	421.5	-3.9	29.1	-15.4	16.1	-16.1	3.5	n.a	17.3	25.4	184.9	-9.3	20.8	-46.1	45.6	16.3	12.2	-2.4	161.9	2.1
Feb	442.5	0.2	31.4	-10.8	18.8	-16.4	3.5	118.8	15.4	21.3	200.0	-0.8	27.4	-31.0	46.0	7.2	12.8	3.2	165.5	4.4
Mar	454.3	4.6	34.7	-7.5	20.3	4.1	2.6	n.a	14.9	4.2	203.8	4.3	24.2	-35.8	50.4	15.3	12.2	-5.4	170.8	8.7
Apr	449.6	1.4	36.0	-11.5	15.8	-27.5	2.5	n.a	16.2	35.0	198.4	2.7	27.2	-19.3	47.7	15.8	14.4	4.3	174.1	6.2
May	460.5	2.1	36.8	-5.6	19.6	-22.5	2.8	-9.7	18.2	46.8	203.7	3.9	26.4	-25.4	48.6	14.6	18.4	33.3	171.4	5.5
Jun	464.4	-0.2	34.9	-18.5	24.3	-4.3	3.8	-22.4	17.6	37.5	193.6	-0.4	22.8	-24.3	41.8	-9.1	17.8	61.8	181.4	5.8
Jul	493.5	1.5	39.9	-19.6	25.0	5.5	2.8	40.0	18.0	25.0	203.5	-1.2	21.5	-39.6	45.5	-9.2	15.2	21.6	195.1	9.9
Aug	487.9	2.7	40.1	-11.5	24.7	3.8	3.7	117.6	20.8	42.5	194.8	-2.5	20.5	-32.8	45.7	-7.7	16.3	28.3	194.7	8.9
Sep	469.7	4.6	36.0	-5.0	23.6	9.3	1.8	5.9	23.6	72.3	192.3	-2.7	23.7	-6.0	40.1	-14.7	17.8	85.4	183.4	10.3
Oct	475.3	5.2	34.2	-8.3	23.3	5.4	2.4	-25.0	24.4	70.6	196.1	1.0	25.0	-1.6	39.7	-23.2	14.6	47.5	184.8	8.0
Nov	476.0	5.3	31.7	3.9	25.8	54.5	n.a.	n.a	24.4	56.4	199.5	-3.5	24.7	9.3	43.0	-10.6	15.2	15.2	183.5	6.1
Dec	471.2	6.2	31.6	-8.7	23.3	30.9	1.6	-36.0	21.4	42.7	199.4	5.2	28.3	20.9	44.1	-7.4	13.7	5.4	184.6	4.2
2007 Jan	474.3	12.5	30.0	3.1	23.1	43.5	1.7	-51.4	24.0	38.7	200.0	8.2	27.7	33.2	35.8	-21.5	14.3	17.2	187.5	15.8
Feb	467.1	5.6	31.4	0.0	20.7	10.1	0.0	n.a	23.9	55.2	203.3	1.7	25.8	-5.8	37.2	-19.1	15.9	24.2	177.2	7.1
Mar	482.6	6.2	31.8	-8.4	20.2	-0.5	1.9	-26.9	20.0	34.2	215.3	5.6	27.8	14.9	45.1	-10.5	16.7	36.9	185.1	8.4
Apr	485.6	8.0	32.0	-11.1	20.3	28.5	4.0	60.0	18.7	15.4	210.5	6.1	30.1	10.7	41.0	-14.0	16.5	14.6	191.3	9.9
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Dec																				
Average:																				
Jan-Apr06	442.0		32.8		17.8		n.a.		16.0		196.8		24.9		47.4		12.9		168.1	
Jan-Apr07	477.4		31.3		21.1		n.a.		21.7		207.3		27.9		39.8		15.9		185.3	
% Change	8.0		-4.6		18.7		n.a.		35.7		5.3		11.8		-16.1		22.9		10.2	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.4B B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Total Comm., & Personal Service		Selected Breakout of Comm. & Pers. Service						Public Administration		Total All Industries	
											Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod. Food & Bev.					
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1997	1,443.2		108.0		297.7		127.7		809.1		120.3		191.3		142.2		100.7		1,860.5	
1998	1,449.9	0.5	105.6	-2.2	289.7	-2.7	122.3	-4.2	838.5	3.6	118.3	-1.7	197.4	3.2	146.8	3.2	93.8	-6.9	1,858.4	-0.1
1999	1,500.5	3.5	115.9	9.8	304.8	5.2	121.0	-1.1	866.3	3.3	127.3	7.6	193.3	-2.1	149.1	1.6	92.5	-1.4	1,894.4	1.9
2000	1,525.0	1.6	116.9	0.9	300.8	-1.3	118.3	-2.2	896.5	3.5	136.6	7.3	201.2	4.1	154.5	3.6	92.4	-0.1	1,931.3	1.9
2001	1,539.3	0.9	112.4	-3.8	303.3	0.8	120.9	2.2	913.1	1.9	138.3	1.2	196.8	-2.2	163.7	6.0	89.5	-3.1	1,921.6	-0.5
2002	1,572.8	2.2	112.9	0.4	324.9	7.1	123.3	2.0	923.6	1.1	139.3	0.7	211.6	7.5	162.5	-0.7	88.1	-1.6	1,965.0	2.3
2003	1,598.3	1.6	119.6	5.9	327.8	0.9	124.5	1.0	933.3	1.1	140.1	0.6	213.3	0.8	159.4	-1.9	93.0	5.6	2,014.7	2.5
2004	1,625.8	1.7	116.5	-2.6	315.8	-3.7	129.2	3.8	967.1	3.6	135.9	-3.0	219.2	2.8	175.3	10.0	97.2	4.5	2,062.7	2.4
2005	1,677.8	3.2	118.7	1.9	334.6	6.0	132.9	2.9	996.5	3.0	146.1	7.5	217.4	-0.8	175.8	0.3	95.1	-2.2	2,130.5	3.3
2006	1,731.6	3.2	119.5	0.7	353.7	5.7	138.0	3.8	1,029.1	3.3	156.0	6.8	232.2	6.8	170.5	-3.0	91.3	-4.0	2,195.5	3.1
2006 Jan	1,701.1	5.1	122.0	8.7	350.5	9.7	128.0	-0.2	1,006.0	3.9	159.6	10.1	210.6	-4.4	171.1	1.3	94.6	4.3	2,122.5	3.1
Feb	1,699.2	4.4	125.4	14.1	355.6	12.7	129.4	-1.1	998.1	1.8	161.5	5.0	213.2	-2.6	168.8	3.6	90.6	-1.0	2,141.7	3.5
Mar	1,710.6	3.9	123.1	9.7	358.6	9.9	132.7	-3.4	1,003.5	2.7	158.9	6.7	224.3	3.7	159.2	-3.4	92.8	-0.4	2,164.9	4.1
Apr	1,719.5	4.3	119.9	10.8	360.5	13.7	129.5	-1.7	1,018.2	1.8	158.0	2.6	224.1	4.9	166.4	-7.1	91.4	-0.1	2,169.1	3.7
May	1,742.0	3.3	122.2	2.9	362.7	11.2	132.3	-1.9	1,031.6	2.8	155.9	1.9	237.3	13.9	168.4	-6.1	93.0	-10.6	2,202.6	3.0
Jun	1,761.9	4.0	125.1	5.8	366.2	15.2	136.4	-2.4	1,045.8	2.6	159.4	3.0	243.7	16.2	172.0	-3.9	88.5	-10.7	2,226.3	3.1
Jul	1,734.7	3.6	117.3	-9.5	345.5	7.0	141.7	4.5	1,034.2	4.4	137.6	6.0	245.4	15.8	174.8	-7.9	95.9	-0.8	2,228.2	3.1
Aug	1,734.4	2.5	118.0	-6.6	344.4	2.5	145.1	5.9	1,040.5	5.0	130.7	4.4	242.1	9.9	177.6	-2.8	86.6	-14.5	2,222.3	2.6
Sep	1,741.3	2.8	118.2	-8.3	349.2	1.9	141.1	10.8	1,046.2	4.8	156.9	6.0	238.1	7.9	172.1	-2.6	86.6	-9.9	2,211.0	3.2
Oct	1,752.8	2.6	113.7	-7.3	346.1	-4.6	143.4	11.0	1,058.7	5.7	161.3	14.5	238.9	6.1	174.6	-0.2	91.0	-2.3	2,228.1	3.1
Nov	1,733.1	1.0	113.5	-6.4	354.3	-2.3	148.8	12.8	1,022.1	1.2	163.5	11.7	229.1	1.5	170.1	-1.4	94.4	4.3	2,209.1	1.9
Dec	1,748.3	1.4	115.4	-0.3	350.8	-4.0	147.7	12.7	1,044.7	2.6	169.1	10.4	239.2	9.6	170.9	-4.3	89.7	-4.5	2,219.6	2.4
2007 Jan	1,739.1	2.2	119.4	-2.1	350.8	0.1	137.6	7.5	1,036.7	3.1	161.8	1.4	233.9	11.1	173.8	1.6	94.7	0.1	2,213.4	4.3
Feb	1,754.1	3.2	130.5	4.1	354.4	-0.3	139.9	8.1	1,041.2	4.3	169.8	5.1	243.2	14.1	167.0	-1.1	88.1	-2.8	2,221.2	3.7
Mar	1,763.2	3.1	124.5	1.1	356.0	-0.7	149.2	12.4	1,041.9	3.8	169.3	6.5	248.5	10.8	168.5	5.8	91.6	-1.3	2,245.8	3.7
Apr	1,740.3	1.2	120.9	0.8	346.9	-3.8	145.2	12.1	1,034.0	1.6	163.4	3.4	241.6	7.8	164.9	-0.9	93.4	2.2	2,225.9	2.6
May																				
Jun																				
Jul																				
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Oct																				
Nov																				
Dec																				
Average:																				
Jan-Apr06	1,707.6		122.6		356.3		129.9		1,006.5		159.5		218.1		166.4		92.4		2,149.6	
Jan-Apr07	1,749.2		123.8		352.0		143.0		1,038.5		166.1		241.8		168.6		92.0		2,226.6	
% Change	2.4		1.0		-1.2		10.1		3.2		4.1		10.9		1.3		-0.4		3.6	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

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B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED*

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry, Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1997	36.3		36.8		38.4		36.0		36.2		35.2	
1998	36.0	-0.8	38.3	4.1	38.8	1.0	34.2	-5.0	35.8	-1.1	34.7	-1.4
1999	36.2	0.6	37.5	-2.1	39.0	0.5	33.0	-3.5	36.7	2.5	34.1	-1.7
2000	36.9	1.9	37.7	0.5	37.3	-4.4	35.6	7.9	37.5	2.2	35.4	3.8
2001	36.3	-1.6	38.6	2.4	37.6	0.8	34.4	-3.4	36.3	-3.2	35.3	-0.3
2002	35.8	-1.4	36.3	-6.0	37.8	0.5	33.4	-2.9	36.0	-0.8	35.0	-0.8
2003	35.6	-0.6	36.4	0.3	37.9	0.3	34.4	3.0	35.6	-1.1	34.6	-1.1
2004	36.3	2.0	36.9	1.4	39.3	3.7	31.8	-7.6	36.0	1.1	36.2	4.6
2005	36.7	1.1	37.1	0.5	40.6	3.3	35.8	12.6	36.5	1.4	36.2	0.0
2006	36.5	-0.5	35.5	-4.3	40.2	-1.0	36.7	2.5	36.3	-0.5	35.9	-0.8
2006 Jan	37.1	4.5	31.6	-1.3	42.0	9.4	34.2	-13.9	37.6	0.0	36.6	11.9
Feb	36.5	-3.4	30.3	-9.0	37.8	-8.7	35.9	-9.1	36.9	-2.9	36.8	-1.9
Mar	36.6	-3.9	29.1	-21.6	39.4	-1.3	43.5	21.6	37.0	-1.6	36.6	-4.9
Apr	32.6	-15.8	32.4	-15.4	38.6	5.5	34.3	-10.0	32.5	-16.2	31.5	-19.2
May	37.2	-2.4	36.3	-8.1	39.0	-8.9	36.8	-4.9	36.7	0.0	37.4	-1.8
Jun	38.0	-0.3	37.0	-8.4	40.8	-2.2	40.9	19.9	38.0	-1.0	37.4	2.2
Jul	36.2	-1.6	38.2	-5.0	37.2	-14.5	32.3	-7.7	36.6	3.4	35.4	-2.2
Aug	35.4	-1.4	35.8	-8.7	40.5	-1.5	32.3	-0.3	34.8	-0.6	34.8	-1.1
Sep	38.5	0.5	39.3	5.4	43.4	-0.5	38.0	17.3	37.9	0.8	37.7	-2.1
Oct	34.7	4.5	42.5	20.4	39.0	8.3	32.7	-4.7	33.6	5.0	33.5	0.6
Nov	37.8	12.5	38.6	15.9	41.9	6.1	40.4	26.6	37.1	14.2	37.2	9.7
Dec	37.0	-0.3	33.1	-7.8	42.4	0.5	38.4	7.3	36.9	-3.4	36.4	3.1
2007 Jan	36.0	-3.0	31.4	-0.6	44.0	4.8	38.1	11.4	36.6	-2.7	34.1	-6.8
Feb	37.8	3.6	31.3	3.3	47.9	26.7	41.4	15.3	38.1	3.3	35.7	-3.0
Mar	37.0	1.1	33.5	15.1	45.0	14.2	34.0	-22.6	36.6	-1.1	36.5	-0.3
Apr	37.9	16.3	37.3	15.1	36.7	-4.9	42.8	24.8	38.5	18.5	37.4	18.7
May												
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Average:												
Jan-Apr06	35.7		30.9		39.5		37.1		36.0		35.4	
Jan-Apr07	37.2		33.4		43.4		39.1		37.5		35.9	
% Change	4.1		8.2		10.0		5.4		4.0		1.6	

* Average Actual Hours, Alll Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.5B ***B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED****

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service: Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service: Education		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service: Health and Social Services		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service: Accommod., Food & Bev.		Public Administration		Total All Industries	
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1997	32.0		36.2		33.2		33.8		35.3		29.3		29.3		29.4		33.1		33.0	
1998	31.5	-1.6	35.6	-1.7	31.9	-3.9	33.6	-0.6	34.5	-2.3	27.9	-4.8	28.6	-2.4	30.4	3.4	32.8	-0.9	32.5	-1.5
1999	31.5	0.0	35.2	-1.1	31.8	-0.3	33.1	-1.5	35.1	1.7	27.9	0.0	29.5	3.1	29.8	-2.0	32.9	0.3	32.5	0.0
2000	32.3	2.5	36.9	4.8	32.0	0.6	33.9	2.4	35.5	1.1	29.7	6.5	30.6	3.7	29.6	-0.7	34.2	4.0	33.2	2.2
2001	31.2	-3.4	35.3	-4.3	31.2	-2.5	32.9	-2.9	33.8	-4.8	28.7	-3.4	28.9	-5.6	29.8	0.7	31.7	-7.3	32.2	-3.0
2002	31.0	-0.6	34.8	-1.4	31.1	-0.3	33.3	1.2	34.0	0.6	29.0	1.0	29.1	0.7	28.0	-6.0	33.3	5.0	32.0	-0.6
2003	30.8	-0.6	35.8	2.9	30.8	-1.0	32.2	-3.3	34.2	0.6	28.1	-3.1	28.0	-3.8	29.0	3.6	32.2	-3.3	31.8	-0.6
2004	31.2	1.3	36.5	2.0	31.1	1.0	32.2	0.0	35.3	3.2	26.8	-4.6	29.1	3.9	29.3	1.0	32.3	0.3	32.3	1.6
2005	31.5	1.0	36.5	0.0	31.1	0.0	32.9	2.2	35.1	-0.6	28.4	6.0	29.9	2.7	29.4	0.3	32.5	0.6	32.6	0.9
2006	31.5	0.0	37.0	1.4	31.4	1.0	32.1	-2.4	34.4	-2.0	28.0	-1.4	30.0	0.3	29.2	-0.7	32.8	0.9	32.5	-0.3
2006 Jan	33.0	2.8	37.7	4.1	32.7	7.6	34.9	3.9	37.8	6.8	33.5	5.3	30.4	-6.2	28.4	-5.3	35.3	3.2	33.8	3.0
Feb	32.4	-1.2	37.6	-0.5	31.2	0.3	33.4	-1.5	36.9	-0.3	31.8	0.0	31.5	4.3	27.2	-12.0	35.1	1.4	33.2	-1.8
Mar	30.0	-8.3	36.0	-3.7	30.7	-2.2	32.7	-3.5	34.4	-8.5	18.6	-41.1	27.9	-10.0	28.0	-1.1	31.7	-6.8	31.4	-7.1
Apr	29.2	-11.0	34.3	-5.5	29.1	-10.5	29.6	-13.7	30.8	-17.6	28.5	-13.9	26.7	-11.9	27.5	-3.5	29.3	-17.2	29.9	-12.1
May	33.0	0.9	37.3	-0.3	32.4	1.9	33.0	-6.0	35.7	1.1	31.8	-1.9	30.4	-4.7	29.2	0.7	36.5	12.0	33.8	0.0
Jun	32.9	0.9	38.6	-0.5	31.6	-0.9	33.0	-2.7	35.3	-1.7	33.1	0.0	31.0	1.6	30.5	1.0	34.5	5.5	33.9	0.3
Jul	30.5	0.7	38.1	1.9	31.5	3.3	28.9	-10.0	33.9	1.5	17.4	11.5	29.4	0.0	30.6	-1.0	31.4	-1.9	31.8	0.0
Aug	29.9	1.4	37.1	6.3	30.9	2.3	30.7	-3.5	33.3	3.4	16.8	21.7	28.2	2.9	29.9	-2.0	29.3	0.7	31.1	0.6
Sep	32.8	1.5	36.7	2.2	32.7	3.2	33.4	1.5	35.9	1.7	32.0	-3.9	32.0	5.6	29.7	-2.3	33.7	5.3	34.0	1.5
Oct	29.6	4.2	34.4	0.3	30.3	3.4	29.3	0.7	31.8	-1.5	26.5	50.6	28.5	5.6	29.0	2.5	28.5	-5.0	30.7	4.4
Nov	32.3	9.1	37.8	12.5	31.6	7.1	33.3	8.5	33.6	4.7	31.3	11.8	32.6	15.2	29.1	7.0	34.5	14.6	33.5	10.2
Dec	32.4	-1.2	38.3	0.5	32.2	-1.5	33.7	0.3	33.8	-8.2	31.1	-7.4	31.4	2.3	30.7	6.6	33.4	-1.2	33.4	-0.9
2007 Jan	32.4	-1.8	38.0	0.8	32.5	-0.6	34.4	-1.4	35.4	-6.3	31.2	-6.9	30.4	0.0	28.9	1.8	34.6	-2.0	33.2	-1.8
Feb	32.0	-1.2	36.0	-4.3	31.5	1.0	34.1	2.1	36.8	-0.3	30.0	-5.7	30.4	-3.5	28.4	4.4	35.2	0.3	33.2	0.0
Mar	31.9	6.3	38.0	5.6	32.0	4.2	32.8	0.3	36.3	5.5	27.9	50.0	29.9	7.2	29.2	4.3	32.9	3.8	33.0	5.1
Apr	32.9	12.7	37.6	9.6	33.7	15.8	32.9	11.1	36.0	16.9	30.5	7.0	29.2	9.4	29.9	8.7	36.0	22.9	34.0	13.7
May																				
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Average:																				
Jan-Apr06	31.2		36.4		30.9		32.7		35.0		28.1		29.1		27.8		32.9		32.1	
Jan-Apr07	32.3		37.4		32.4		33.6		36.1		29.9		30.0		29.1		34.7		33.4	
% Change	3.7		2.7		4.9		2.8		3.3		6.4		2.9		4.8		5.6		4.0	

* Average Actual Hours, AIII Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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B.C. EARNINGS AND EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

This is a monthly report designed to assist analysts monitoring changes in inter-provincial and inter-industrial earnings and employment levels. The report provides figures on persons employed and actual dollars earned. Primary emphasis, however, is placed on the 'percentage change' data to help highlight recent trends and/or structural shifts. Questions or comments should be directed to Karen Kirby at (250) 356-7870 or Karen.Kirby@gov.bc.ca

Definitions and Explanatory Notes

Average Hourly Wage Rate & Average Weekly Wage Rate

Beginning January 1997, information is collected on the usual wages or salary of employees at their main job. Respondents are asked to report their wage/salary before taxes and other deductions, and include tips, commissions and bonuses.

Average Weekly Hours Worked

Average actual number of hours worked per week, main job, is calculated by dividing total hours by the total number of employed persons. When a respondent holds more than one job or business, the job or business involving the greatest number of usual hours worked is considered to be the main job.

Real (after inflation) Average Weekly Wage Rate

Average weekly wage rates, as defined above, minus the rate of inflation as measured by the applicable Vancouver, Canada, or U.S. consumer price index.

Employment (derived from Labour Force Survey, Cat No. 71-001) (Actual)

All persons during the reference week who either a) did any work for pay or profit, or b) had a job but were absent because of illness, weather, vacation, labour disputes, or personal or family responsibility. United States trends are calculated from civilian employment seasonally adjusted data published by the U.S. Deptartment of Commerce.

Employment by Industry

Employment by industry is based on the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

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